IAW

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuichi SHIBAZAKI

Application No.: 10/588,029

Filed: August 1, 2006 Docket No.: 127874

For: STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND

DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Drawings include an attached replacement sheet; and

Remarks.